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The Honorable William E. Moschella
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Dear Mr. Assistant Attorney General:

Yesterday, you quickly responded to an inquiry by the staff of Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., regarding whether "terrorists have ever utilized public library facilities to communicate with others about committing acts of terrorism." I would appreciate an equally rapid reply to my simple question: notwithstanding section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act, can the Justice Department and the FBI use grand jury subpoenas and search warrants to obtain information from libraries and bookstores about terrorists using their facilities?

Please respond by 5 PM on Monday, July 12, 2004, through Perry Apfelbaum or Ted Kalo of my Judiciary Committee staff, 2142 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 (tel: 202-225-6504; fax: 202-225-4423).

Sincerely,



John Conyers, Jr.
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cc: The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
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